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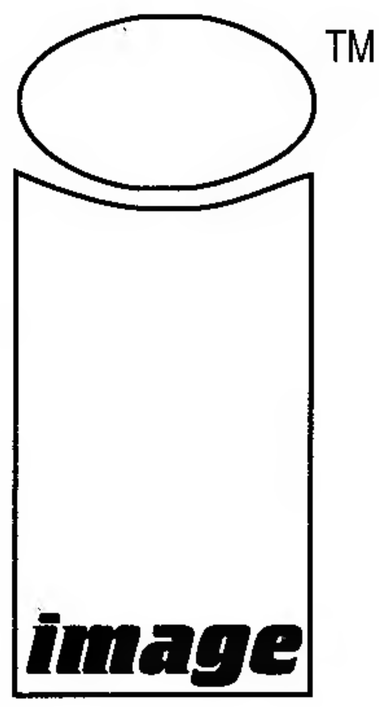

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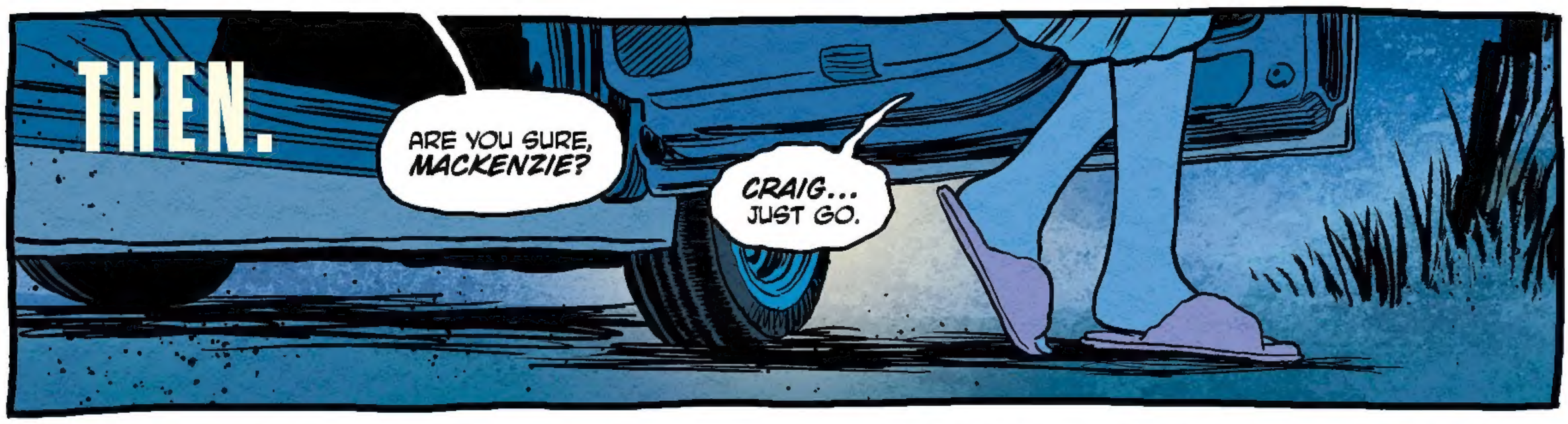

THEN.
ARE YOU SURE, MACKENZIE?
CRAIG... JUST GO.

behiiiiind left behind
I HEAR YOU.
I'M COMING.

We Know Yooooo

I'M HERE.
We seee

SPPLSH
HHK-GLIK

WAIIIT! NO... NO NO NO NO!

No...We don't know you. Just a child... We don't...

NOW.
I KNOW WHAT YOU DID!
DO YOU HEAR ME?
MY EYES ARE WIDE OPEN.
I KNOW. ALL OF IT: THE FOURTH GEN KIDS, THE WAREHOUSE...
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOU!
YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR SUCCESS, THE "FUTURE FORUM."
ALL BULLSHIT! HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO FARMINGTON?!
JACK, I DON'T HAVE TIME.
YOU DON'T HAVE...
HOW COULD YOU...
YOU USED ME!
BEEP
YOU LIED TO ME!
WAS ANY OF IT REAL?!
WAS ALL OF THIS JUST TO KEEP ME IN THE DARK?
IS THAT WHY YOU FUCKED ME? HELLO?
HELLO!? INGA!?

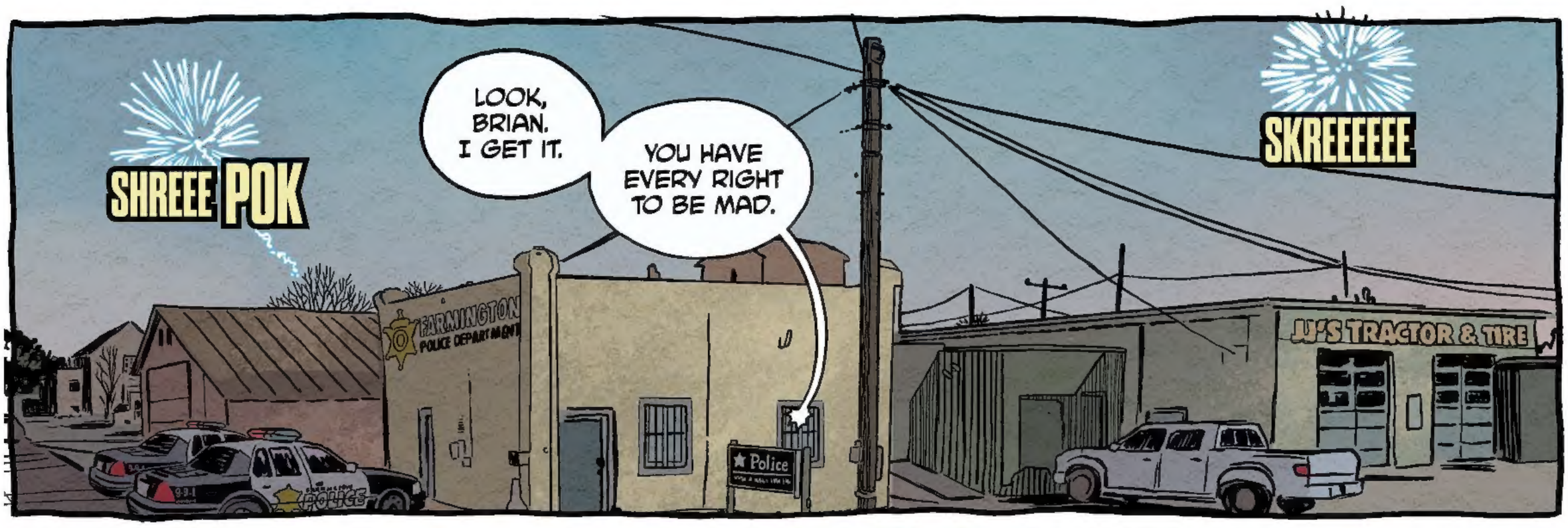
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?

BRIAN... I'M SORRY!
YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
THERE'S SOMETHING HUGE AND CRAZY GOING ON AND INGA--
DO NOT!
DO NOT SAY HER NAME, YOU PIECE OF SHIT!

...DON'T SAY ANOTHER FUCKING WORD.
POLICE

EVERYTHING OKAY, THEN?
YEAH, BEN. TENSIONS ARE JUST HIGH.
LAST-MINUTE DETAILS FOR THE FORUM N' SO.

PLUS IT'S HOT AND ALL THE CRAZIES ARE OUT FOR THE HOLIDAY.
FIGURED YOU MIGHT BE HUNGRY.
Auntie Inga's


SHREEE POK
LOOK, BRIAN. I GET IT.
YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE MAD.
SKREEEEEE
FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
JJ'S TRACTOR & TIRE
Police

BUT WE'VE BOTH BEEN PLAYED, OKAY?
THE BAKERY, THE COMMUNITY CENTER, THE FUTURE FORUM. ALL OF IT.
INGA IS UP TO SOME-THING, AND THAT...
THAT WATER CREATURE...
ISN'T HAPPY ABOUT IT. BUT YOU HAVE TO LET ME--

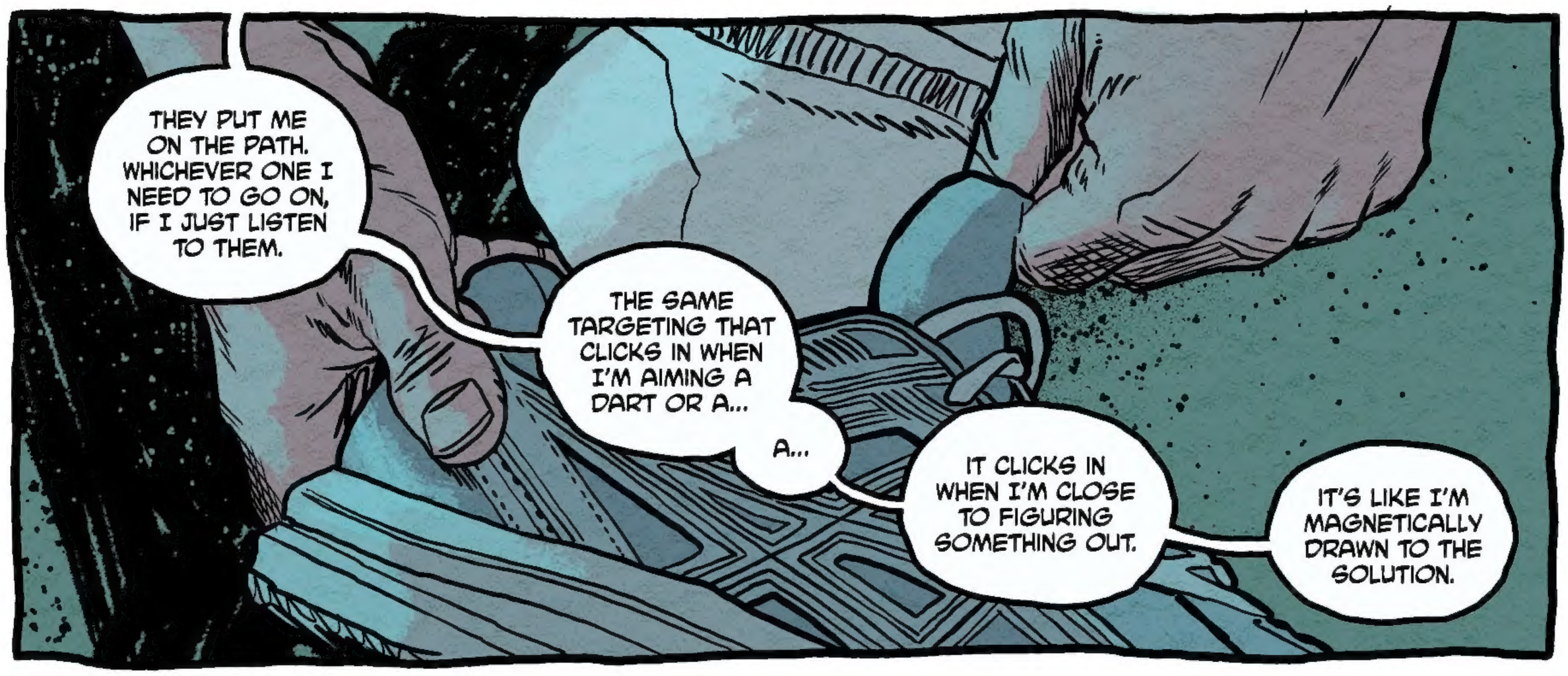
THIS IS BRIAN BUCHOLZ...
I'M THE POLICE CHIEF IN FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN. I'M CALLING--
SHUT

DON'T SHUT THAT--
GODDAMMIT, YOU CAN'T JUST--
LET ME OUT OF HERE! THIS IS IMPORTANT! IT'S BIGGER THAN US.
BRIAN! YOU CAN'T JUST HOLD ME AND PEPPER WITHOUT...

IT'S NOT ILLEGAL TO SLEEP WITH SOMEONE'S WIFE.

NONE OF THIS WOULD BE...
IF YOU HADN'T SENT ME OUT TO THAT HIPPIE ENCAMPMENT, NONE OF THIS WOULD EVEN BE HAPPENING.
THEY DID SOMETHING TO ME OUT THERE...
I CAN'T...
I WAS OUT OF MY MIND.
THEY EITHER HAD POWERS OR THEY DOSED ME WITH SOMETHING OR...

BUT HERE'S THE THING. I DON'T THINK THEY MEANT TO, BUT THEY UNLOCKED...
I LEARNED SOMETHING. MY POWERS...
MY POWERS AREN'T JUST FOR THROWING WEAPONS AND SHIELDS.


THEY PUT ME ON THE PATH. WHICHEVER ONE I NEED TO GO ON, IF I JUST LISTEN TO THEM.
THE SAME TARGETING THAT CLICKS IN WHEN I'M AIMING A DART OR A...
A...
IT CLICKS IN WHEN I'M CLOSE TO FIGURING SOMETHING OUT.
IT'S LIKE I'M MAGNETICALLY DRAWN TO THE SOLUTION.

MAYBE...
MAYBE THAT'S WHY I WAS SO ATTRACTED TO INGA, AFTER I TOOK DOWN "DELIVERANCE."
MAYBE I INSTINCTIVELY KNEW IT WAS HER BEHIND...
ALL OF THIS.

SLAM!
DON'T YOU DARE!
YOU DON'T GET TO SUPERPOWER YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS SHIT.
SHE'S MY WIFE!
WE HAVE CHILDREN!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT FOR ASKING YOU TO HELP FIND OUT WHO KILLED A TEENAGER.
THAT'S PSYCHOTIC.
EVERYWHERE YOU GO, YOU FUCK UP EVERYTHING!
THIRD GEN. HODAG. FRIGHTSIDE. CAMO CRUSADER. YOU GOT ME FUCKING STABBED!

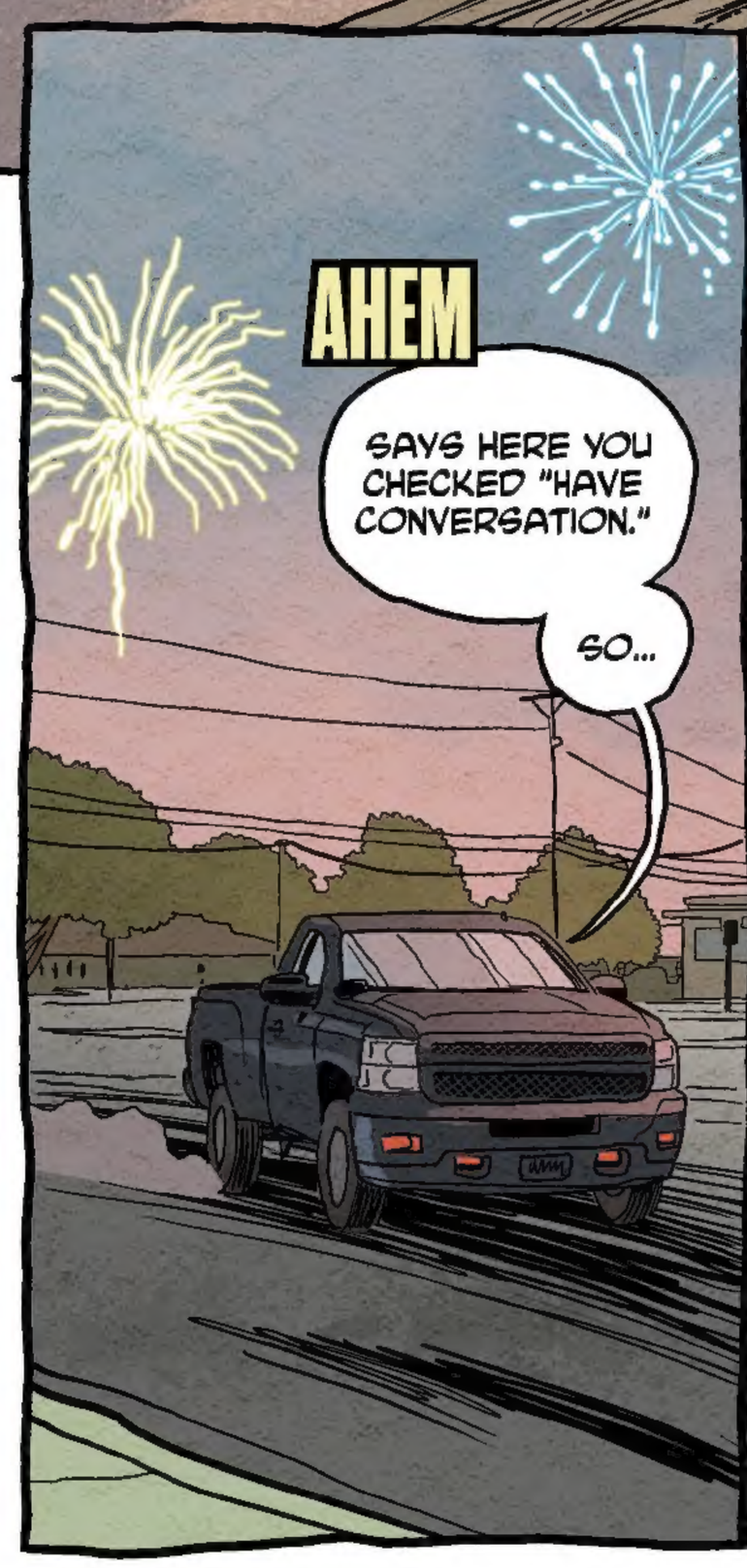
NONE OF THIS SHIT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE NOT HERE. YOU'RE LIKE CANCER.
YOU'RE NOT MAGNETICALLY DRAWN TO ANYTHING, YOU IDIOT! IT'S JUST...
...EVERYTHING YOU GET CLOSE TO DIES.

BRIAN... I'M SORRY, I REALLY AM.
I'M TRYING TO BE A BETTER PERSON.
AND I KNOW I FUCKED UP HUGE HERE...
BUT YOU'RE WRONG...

"...I *DO* GET TO SUPERPOWER MY WAY OUT OF THIS."

Police

Black Beauty



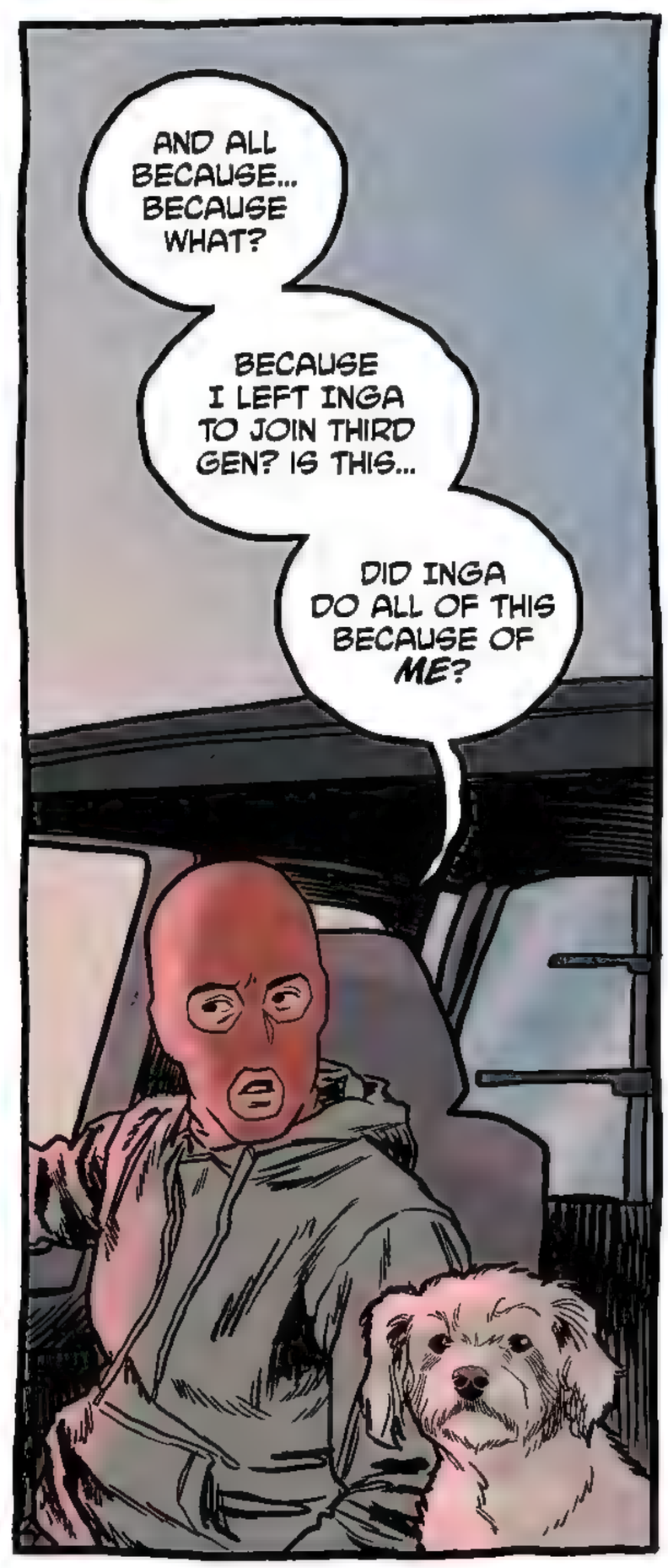
I JUST CAN'T GET OVER IT. I'VE GOT THE *HOW*.
THE PATH.
BUT THE WHY... I CAN'T FIGURE THE *WHY*.

I GUESS IT HAS TO BE MONEY, RIGHT?
I MEAN, THIS IS AMERICA. IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT THE MONEY.
BUT TO PLAN SOMETHING FOR LIKE TWENTY YEARS AND BUILD A WHOLE LIFE TO COVER IT UP...

SHE HAS A HUSBAND. SHE HAS KIDS. SHE'S LIKE...
THE MOST BELOVED PERSON IN TOWN. MY DAD LOVES HER, AND HE HATES EVERYONE.
AND THEN THE CONSEQUENCES. MY GOD.

THE THING WITH *4TH GEN* WAS, THEY JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU HAD SUPERPOWERS.
THEY NEVER EVEN ASKED *WHAT* YOU WERE.
SEASCAPE WAS GOOD-LOOKING AND COULD CONTROL WATER, SO, GOOD ENOUGH, THEY FIGURED.

BUT NOW, SHE GOT OUT OF HER RE-GEN BED, AND SHE TURNED INTO THAT CREEPY OLD HAG. AND...
AND SHE KILLED A KID, AND DROPPED HER ON HER PARENTS' FRONT PORCH.
AND NOW SHE'S RUNNING UNDER THE TOWN IN THE GROUNDWATER.


AND ALL BECAUSE... BECAUSE WHAT?
BECAUSE I LEFT INGA TO JOIN THIRD GEN? IS THIS...
DID INGA DO ALL OF THIS BECAUSE OF *ME*?

A FEY.
HUH?
WHAT YOU GOT THERE IS ONE OF THE FEY.
AKA "FAIRY," "VILA" OR MORE ACCURATELY "A WATER SPRITE."

THEY GOT POWERS OVER LAKES N' STREAMS. SOMETIMES THEY WEAR A HUMAN HOST LIKE A SKIN. USUALLY REAL NICE THOUGH.
SING LITTLE SONGS. LOVE CHILDREN.
KNOWN TO HELP 'EM BACK TO THEIR HOMES WHEN THEY GET LOST.

BUT WHEN A FEY GETS HURT OR CAPTURED, THEY GOT A VENGEFUL STREAK A MILE WIDE.
THEY'LL KILL EVERYONE THE OBJECT OF THEIR VENGEANCE LOVES, JOHN WICK STYLE. WHOLE VILLAGES EVEN.

ME N' MY BROTHER-N'-LAW BEEN PLAYIN' DUNGEONS N' DRAGONS A BUNCH.

BZZZZZ
BZZZZZ--
HEY MOM. NOW'S NOT A GOOD TIME...
JACK... JUST COME HOME.
IT'S YOUR DAD.

PULL OVER.
THIS FIELD IS BY MY HOUSE.
BUT, THAT'S NOT YOUR DESTINATION--

"PULL OVER!"

AN IMPRESSIVE ATTENDANCE FOR YOUR EVENT.
ESPECIALLY FOR SUCH A SMALL AND DEPRESSED TOWN.
UM
JULY 4-6
FUTURE FORUM
JULY 4-6
FARMINGTON
FUTURE FORUM
JULY 4-6

YOU SHOULD BE PROUD, MRS. JOHANNING-BUCHOLZ.
WHAT, THIS?
FUTURE FORUM
JULY 4-6

IT'S JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING I WHIPPED UP WHILE THE KIDS WERE AT SCHOOL.
NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ALL HERE TO SEE...
...AND IT ISN'T "SUSTAINABLE DRYER BALLS."
OR TIPS ON BUILDING A BETTER CUSTOM BIKE SHOP.

RUDY?
IT'S TIME TO SHOW OFF YOUR PROMOTION.

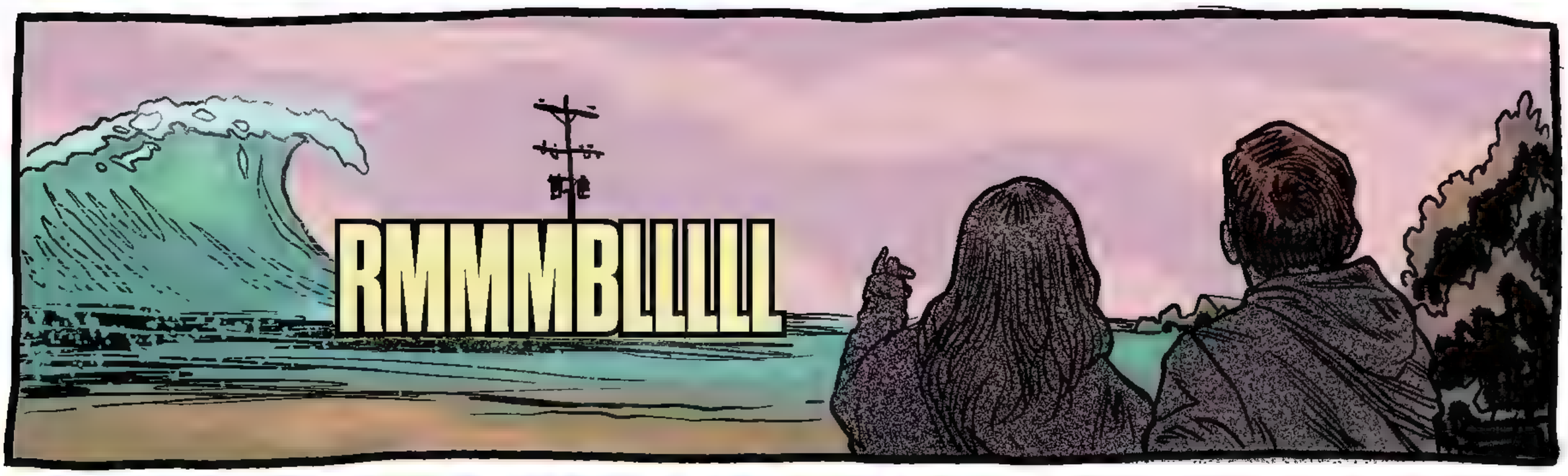
LADIES, GENTLEMEN, INNOVATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS.
MEET THE SLICK 2.0!
RUDY
SLPPP
"THIS MORNING SHE WAS A BAKERY CASHIER."
"A FEW HOURS LATER, SHE'S A BIO-ENGINEERED SUPERHUMAN USING AUNTIE INGA'S VERY OWN PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY."
NOW, MAYBE YOU THINK YOU DON'T HAVE USE FOR A TEENAGER ABLE TO GENERATE A NEARLY UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF INDUSTRIAL-GRADE BIO-LUBRICANT.
FLK
RUDY
AND TO THAT, I SAY...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE INNOVATORS.
FLK

AIIIIEGGH!
FWOOMP
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO HELP THIS TOWN SURVIVE WHEN IT LOST ITS ONE CHANCE AT GREATNESS.
AIIIIEGGH!
"AND I FAILED."
HNGH
HNGH
HNGH
HNH
OH GOD
OH GOD
OH GOD
I ALMOST LAID DOWN AND DIED RIGHT THERE.
"BUT WHEN I WAS AT MY LOWEST, I WAS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY."
DAD?
DAD!?

AND THAT DAY, I REALIZED THAT IF YOU WANT TO WIN IN A WORLD DESIGNED TO NEVER REWARD "THE GOOD GUY..."
YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP ON WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE.
OH. GOD.
RUDY
"ON WHAT DEFINED YOU."
"ON WHERE."
"AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU HAVE TO FORGET WHO DEFINED YOU."
BIDDING STARTS AT TWO MILLION USD FOR THIS SUPER-POWER SET.
AND I'M CERTAIN WHEN YOU SEE OUR OTHER AVAILABLE TEMPLATES, YOU'LL AGREE...
"...THE ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR IMAGINATION."

I BEGGED HIM! I... OH DEAR JESUS, WHAT AM I GOING TO--
I... I BEGGED HIM...
THERE'S NO HEARTBEAT. WHERE'S HIS...
HE'S NOT...
I BEGGED HIM TO GO TO HIS CHECKUPS.
HE WOULDN'T EVER GO--

WHAT HAPPENED? HE WAS JUST...
HE WAS FINE THIS MORNING!
HE'S MY WHOLE WORLD, JACK. HE'S MY...
WHAT AM I GOING TO...
WHAT'S THAT MUSIC?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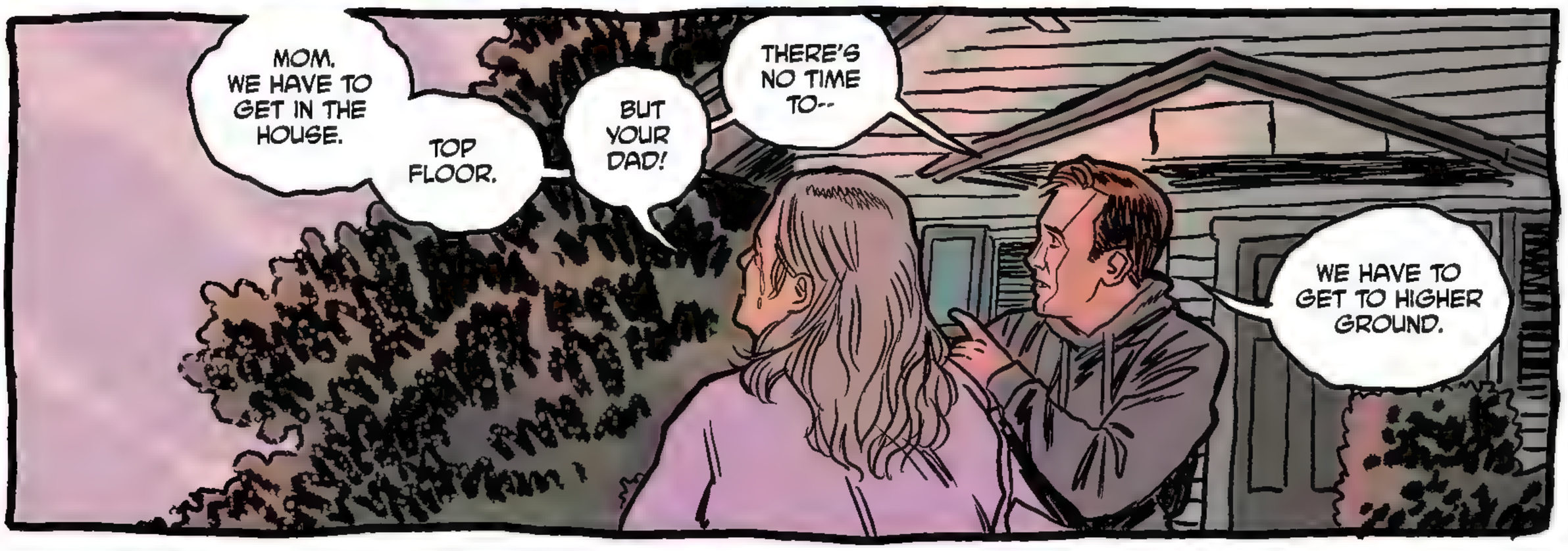
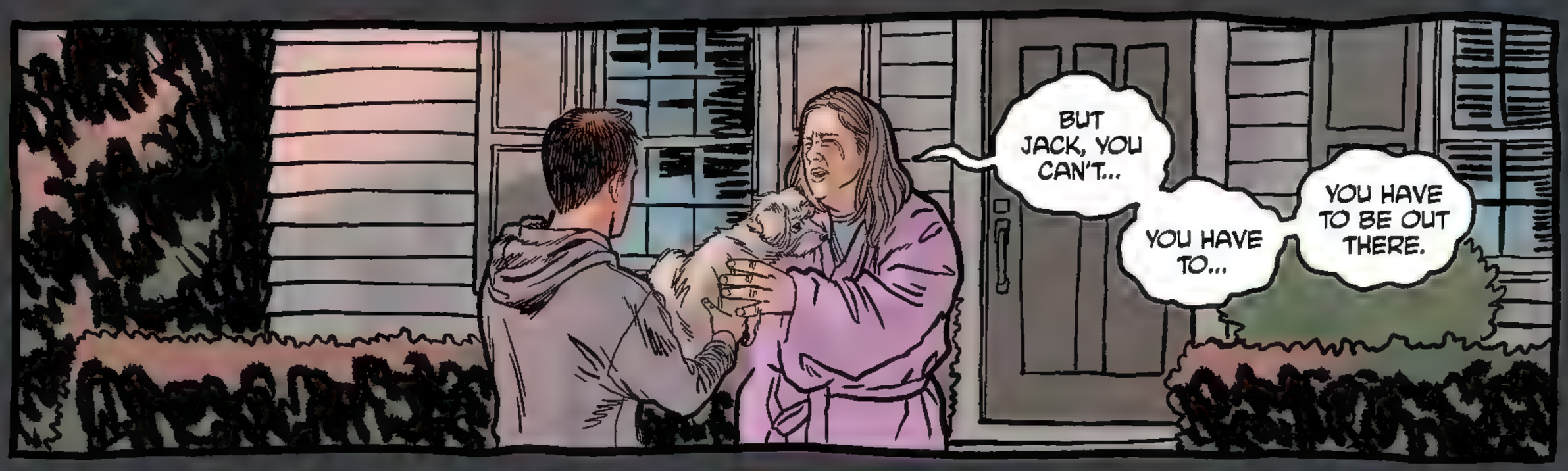
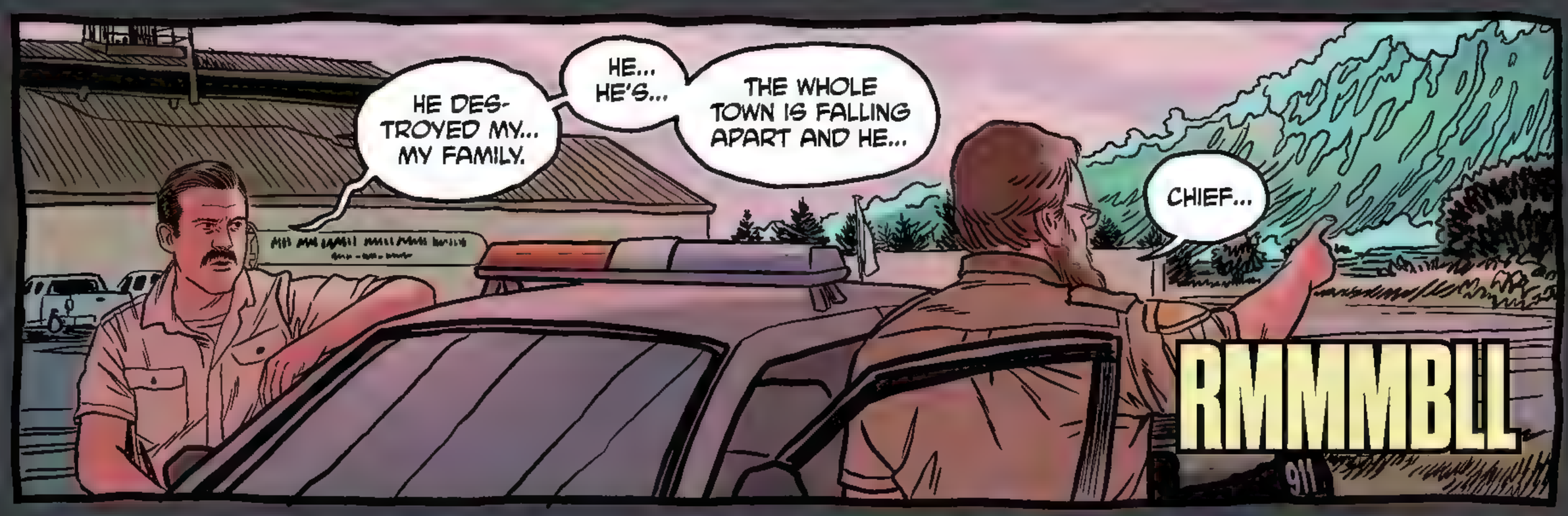

MOM. WE HAVE TO GET IN THE HOUSE.
TOP FLOOR.
BUT YOUR DAD!
THERE'S NO TIME TO--
WE HAVE TO GET TO HIGHER GROUND.


BUT JACK, YOU CAN'T...
YOU HAVE TO...
YOU HAVE TO BE OUT THERE.

WE COME HERE HUMBLY TO PRAY...
FOR PEACE IN THE UNITED STATES.
"THOSE PEOPLE... THE PEOPLE IN TOWN NEED A SUPERHERO."
HEY... WHAT IS THAT?

CHIEF, WHAT TH' HECK HAPPENED HERE?
XAVER.
I'M GONNA...
HE TOOK MY...
DO YOU HAVE YOUR KEYS?


HE DES-TROYED MY... MY FAMILY.
HE... HE'S...
THE WHOLE TOWN IS FALLING APART AND HE...
CHIEF...
RMMMBLL

"...I THINK WE'VE GOT A BIGGER PROBLEM, HERE."

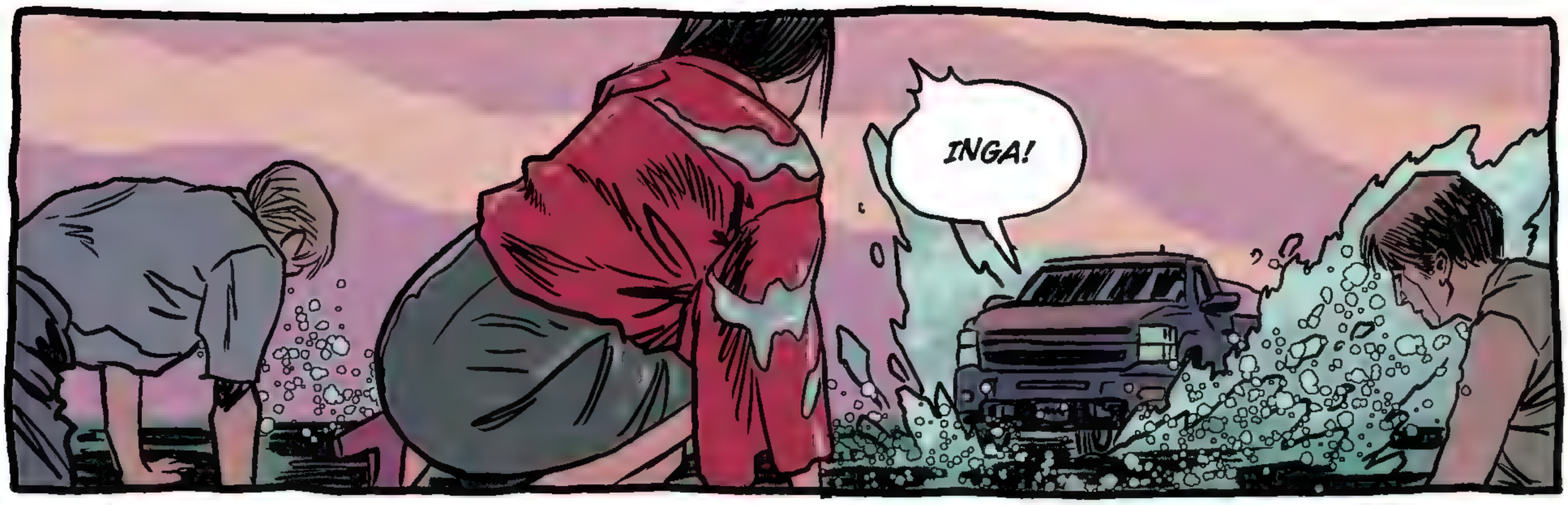
FUTURE FORUM
WASHINGTON
JULY 4-6
Yooooouuuu We know... Yoooo
We brought the child back to her home... she lay dead because of youu How could yooo...
YOU DON'T KNOW ME.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE STUCK IN THIS GODDAMN--
ANDY
AIIEEEEEEEEEE

Left behind!!
FWOOOSH!

Trapped in a tomb of steel
FWAASH!

OH GOD OH GOD!
NO!
RUN!!
SPLAAAAASH

Justice!!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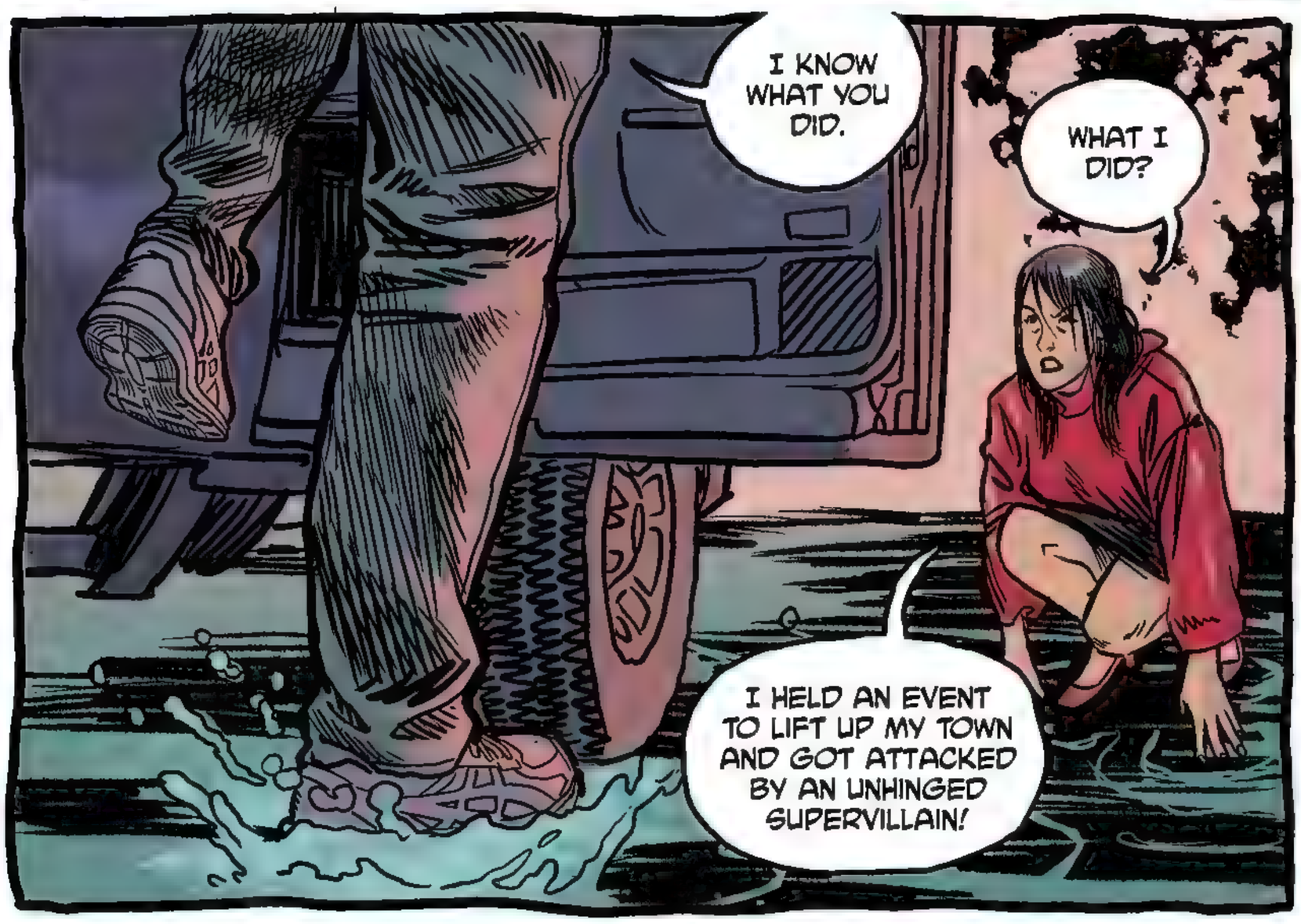

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID.
WHAT I DID?
I HELD AN EVENT TO LIFT UP MY TOWN AND GOT ATTACKED BY AN UNHINGED SUPERVILLAIN!

MY DAD...
MY DAD, HE...
I KNOW WHAT YOU--

YOU MAD, JACK? YOU GONNA LOCK ME UP?
YOU'RE THE BIG CITY SUPERHERO, RIGHT?
YOU GONNA FIGHT ME!?
SHOOT ME IN MY EYEBALL WITH AN ARROW?

OR...
ARE YOU GOING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE BEFORE YOUR OLD TEAMMATE BLOWS THE WHOLE COUNTY INTO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER?
WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE, JACK? IS THIS GOING TO BE ABOUT YOU?
OR IS IT FINALLY GOING TO BE ABOUT FARMINGTON?
XAVER!

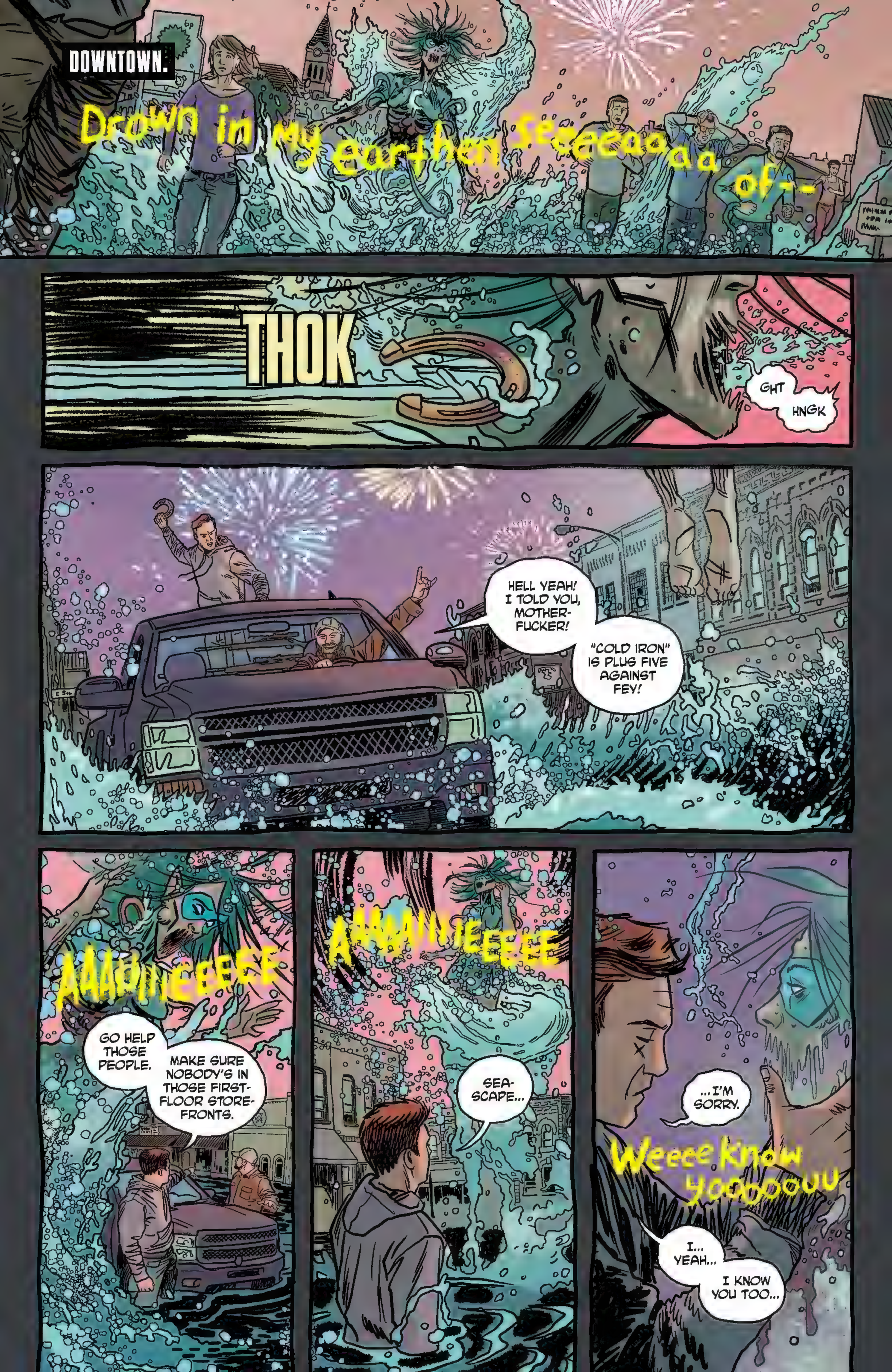
HOW DO YOU WANNA DO THIS, ASSHOLE?!

LIKE THIS, BRIAN.
YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN THAT CAR.
YOU'RE GOING TO GO GET YOUR SON AND YOUR DAUGHTER.
YOU'RE GOING TO *HEAD TO HIGHER GROUND...*
AND YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME DO WHAT I DO.

AND WHAT IF I--
HEY KID, YOU HAVE SUPERPOWERS NOW?
MR XAVER?
I... I THINK I DO?
POLICE

THEN USE THEM.
START HELPING THESE PEOPLE.

BRIAN, LET'S JUST GO GET THE KI--
DON'T FUCKING TOUCH ME.
FARMINGTON
DIEEE EEEE


DOWNTOWN.
Drown in my earthen fe eeaaaa
of-
THOK
GHT
HNGK
HELL YEAH! I TOLD YOU, MOTHER-FUCKER!
"COLD IRON" IS PLUS FIVE AGAINST FEY!
AAAIIEEEEE
GO HELP THOSE PEOPLE.
MAKE SURE NOBODY'S IN THOSE FIRST-FLOOR STORE-FRONTS.
AAAIIEEEEE
SEA-SCAPE...
...I'M SORRY.
Weeee know yoooouu
I... YEAH...
I KNOW YOU TOO...

"WE WERE FRIENDS ONCE."
"YOU DESERVED..."
"BETTER THAN THIS..."
"YOU WERE A..."
"YOU DESERVED SO MUCH BETTER."
"A BIZARRE TRAGEDY IN A SMALL TOWN THAT'S BEEN IN THE NEWS OFTEN LATELY..."
"A TSUNAMI RIPPED THROUGH FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN LATE THIS AFTERNOON."
YES, YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT.
A TSUNAMI. IN RURAL WISCONSIN.
THE DEATH TOLL IS UNKNOWN, BUT DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE IN PARTS OF DOWNTOWN, AND AN EVENTS SPACE THAT WAS HOSTING A CONFERENCE AT THE TIME OF IMPACT.
AS OF YET, A CAUSE FOR THIS SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE EVENT IS UNKNOWN, BUT WHAT IS CERTAIN...
"SOMEONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS UNNATURAL CATASTROPHE."
"AND IT WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES..."

...FOR A COMMUNITY THAT HAS ALREADY SEEN *SO MUCH* PAIN.

WE'RE CLEAR.

BACK IN 3.

WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT TO THE D.C. LIVESHOT WHEN WE GET BACK...

...AND THEN RIGHT INTO SPICER'S PIECE ON THE STUDENT PROTESTS IN--

HOLD ON. I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING BREAKING HERE...

"THIS IS BRIAN BUCHOLZ, I'M THE POLICE CHIEF IN FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN."

"I'M CALLING BECAUSE I HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMO CRUSADER."

"I'M FORWARDING SOME SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE TO THE EMAIL ON YOUR WEBSITE AND..."

"I... THEY... THEY HAVEN'T BEEN HONEST ABOUT..."

PLEASE! DON'T--

HOLY SHIT, IS THIS REAL?

JESUS, IS THAT...

THAT'S CROSSJACK, RIGHT?

THOK

OH MY FUCKING GOD!

TO BE CONTINUED

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Boy, things aren't looking too good for ol' Jack, are they? What the heck is he gonna do now!?

Well, you're gonna have to wait a bit to find out. This issue brings us to the end of the DRY SEASON arc. That means next month, we're playing catch-up and then the month following, we'll kick off Local Man Year 2 with another **big special issue**. Something to delight you, our faithful readers, and hopefully lure some new folks in to join us too. Our verson of giant-sized annuals. After the first arc, we did our Local Man take on a 90s mega-crossover in **LOCAL MAN: GOLD** (ask your retailer to order you one, if you missed it. It's shiny and it has BOOF in it.)

Anyway, our next can't-miss special issue is **LOCAL MAN: BAD GIRLS!** Featuring three interconnected covers by our guys Tim Seeley & Brian Reber.

Here's a look at the solicit:

LOCAL MAN: BAD GIRLS (ONE SHOT)
Inga Johanning, Local Man's ex-girlfriend and current archenemy, is on the run. Her journey will bring her face-to-face with her past, her crimes, and two of the other badass ladies in the Local Man Universe—

Neon peers through the pink fog to reveal her dark, violent origin.

Frightside encounters Crossjack and tests the selfishness in his heart.

A perfect jumping-on point for new readers and a must-have for fans who love—and especially those who hate—the long-gone days of blood-splattered breasts, big blades, and bad girls.

Is it possible to make a kick-ass, over-the-top Bad Girl comic that also passes the **Bechdel Test**?

We're gonna find out. And really, who could possibly be more up to the task than two 40-something straight white guys?

After that, we're dropping the **LOCAL MAN VOLUME 2 TPB** in April (Collecting this Dry Season arc AND Local Man: Gold). And then in May we'll kick off our third arc. That one's gonna be big! And to celebrate, we're bringing out the BIG GUNS! Issue 10 has a STUNNING cover by Image Comics founder, **WHILCE PORTACIO** and it is super rad. Can't wait for you guys to see it.

Finally, It's the end of the year and Tim and I have been really heartened to see Local Man popping up on your year-end lists. Thanks for helping to spread the word. We made this book because it's the kind of comic we wanted to read and it's just really nice to see that we weren't the only ones.

-Tony Fleecs

FERAL
This MARCH! Team STRAY DOGS is back with a brand new, ONGOING horror series. Meet Elsie, Lord Fluffy Britches, and Patch, three indoor cats lost in the not-so-great outdoors during a nightmarish rabies outbreak. Think The Walking Dead meets The AristoCats and tell your shop to order you TWO copies!

STRAY DOGS
Tony's Image Comics hit about dogs, murder, and memory. Part noir, part horror, part Don Bluth. Nominated for the 2021 Eisner and Ringo Awards for best mini-series. Co-created and drawn by Trish Forstner with colors by Local Man's own Brad Simpson!

HACK/SLASH: BACK TO SCHOOL
Tim's long-running slasher comic about horror hunters Cassie Hack and Vlad returns with an untold tale and critically acclaimed cartoonist ZOE THOROGOOD at the bloody helm! A completely new chapter in the beloved, long-running series that's perfect for new readers and old fans alike. Don't miss out on this fresh, bloody new take!

REVIVAL
Tim's horror-noir about his own hometown, and what happens when the dead come back to life there. It's weird, dark, and kinda personal. Co-created and with art by the great Mike Norton. Available in four gorgeous deluxe hardcovers.

LOADED BIBLE
A series that ONLY Image would publish, about a clone of Jesus who fights vampires and an authoritarian theocracy in the future, conceived of by Tim and his brother Steve. Yeah, Eric Stephenson is still Tim's hero for picking this up.

HEXWARE
Tim's other new Image series with artist Zulema Scotto, featuring a housemaid android who BUYS a soul for the Devil. It's on sale now!

NEXT ISSUE:
LOCAL MAN: BAD GIRLS Special. Perfect jumping-on point for new readers and a must-have for Image hardcores. In stores March 6th!

FROM THE CREATORS OF STRAY DOGS

DON'T GET BIT.
DON'T GET SCRATCHED.
DON'T BECOME...

FERAL

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I want to ask him sometimes.
If Jack is really doing as well in L.A. as he seems.
If he misses Farmington or if he prefers fighting superheroes and rescuing billionaires.
If he ever talks about his mom. His dad.
About me.

But Camo Crusader doesn't ever say much.
He's all business. Like he's above me because I'm not part of his world.
INGA...

HAVE YOU EVER LOVED SOMETHING?
WHAT? OH...
YEAH.
YEAH, I HAVE.

HAVE YOU EVER LOVED SOMETHING SO MUCH YOU LET IT HURT YOU?
MORTALLY. DEEPLY.
AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN...

NO.
NOT ANYMORE.

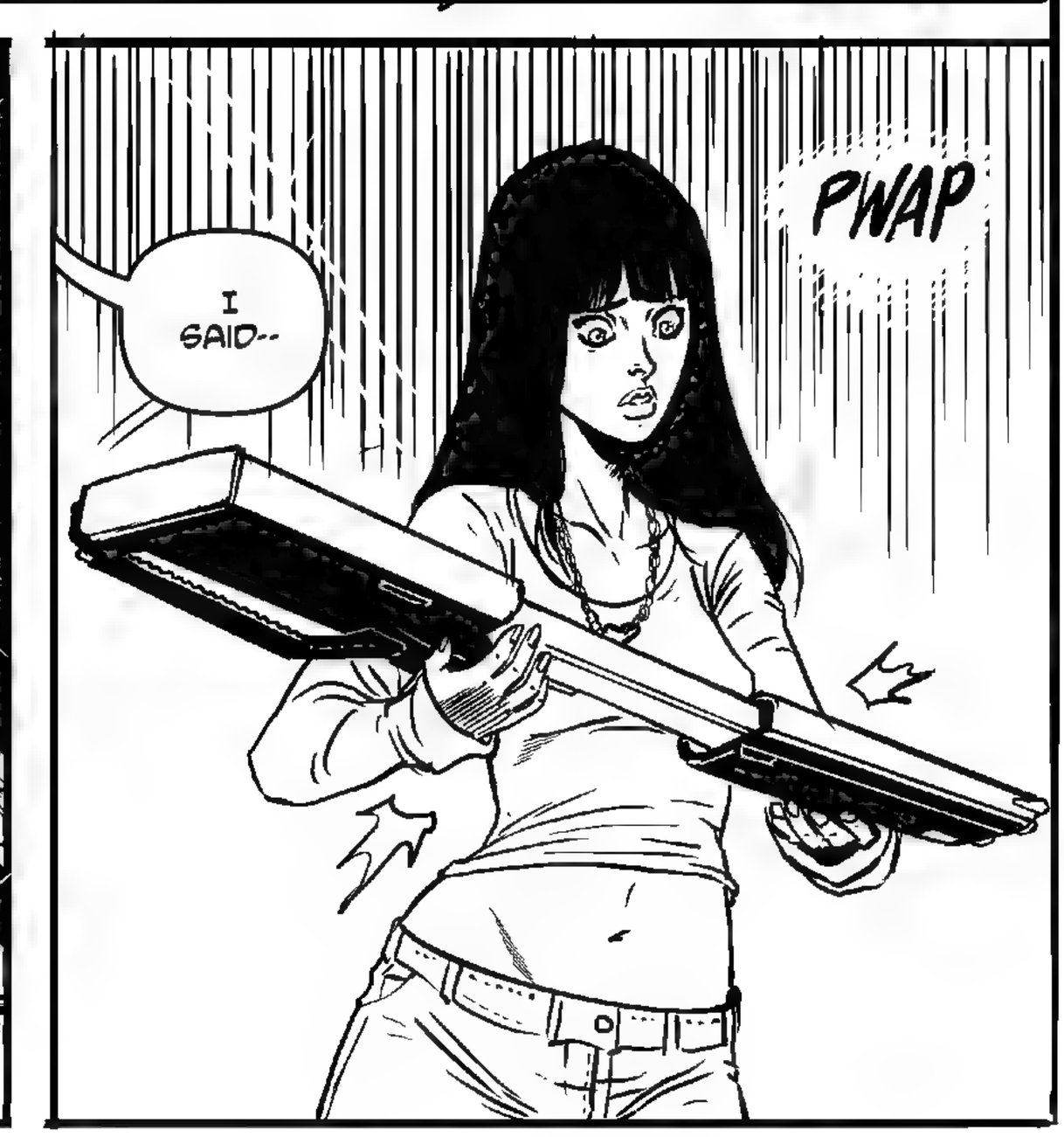
THEN YOU ARE WEAK.
AND, DESPITE MY NEED FOR YOU, YOU DO NOT HAVE MY RESPECT.
YOU HAVE MY--

DOWN!

FACELESS HORDE ASSASSINS!
PKOW

THEY'VE DISCOVERED OUR MEETING!
KILL THEM BEFORE THEY CAN REPORT BACK TO THE UNDISCLOSED!

OH, FUCK ME.


I SAID--
PWAP

KILL THEM!

BKOW

I didn't know who I was without Jack.

I didn't know where I belonged.

But in that moment...

I JOINED HIS WORLD.

YOU TOOK THE APHEK ENGINE FROM THEM.

ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY WANTED IT BACK.

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FRIGHT-SIDE.

ACTUALLY, FROM HERE ON OUT, BIG GUY...

...I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO CALL ME INVESTOR Z.

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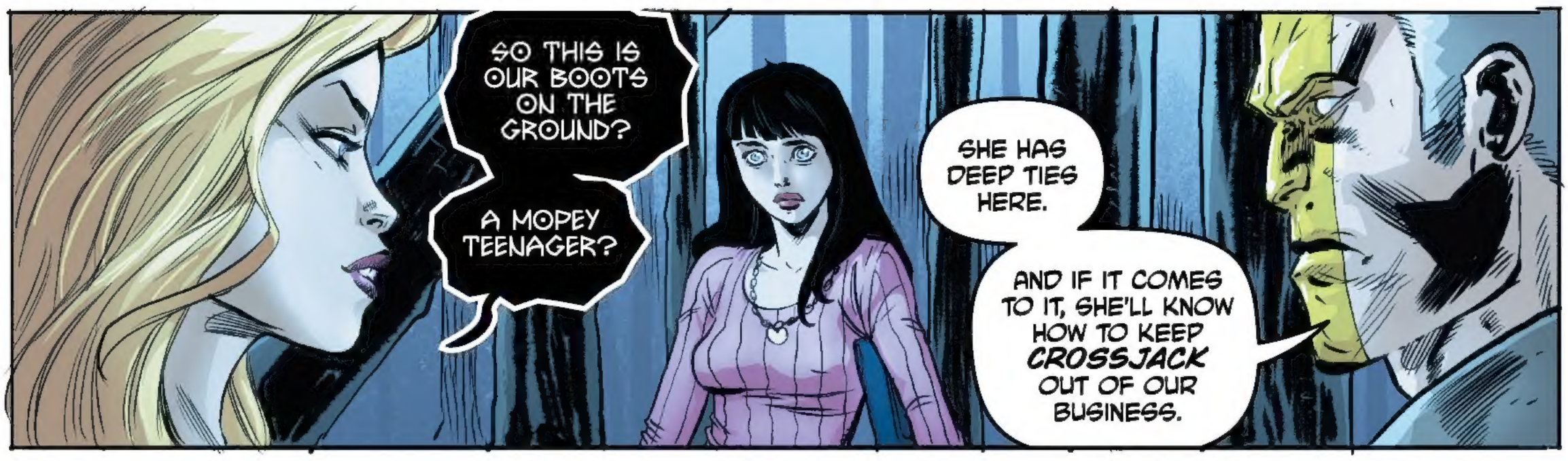
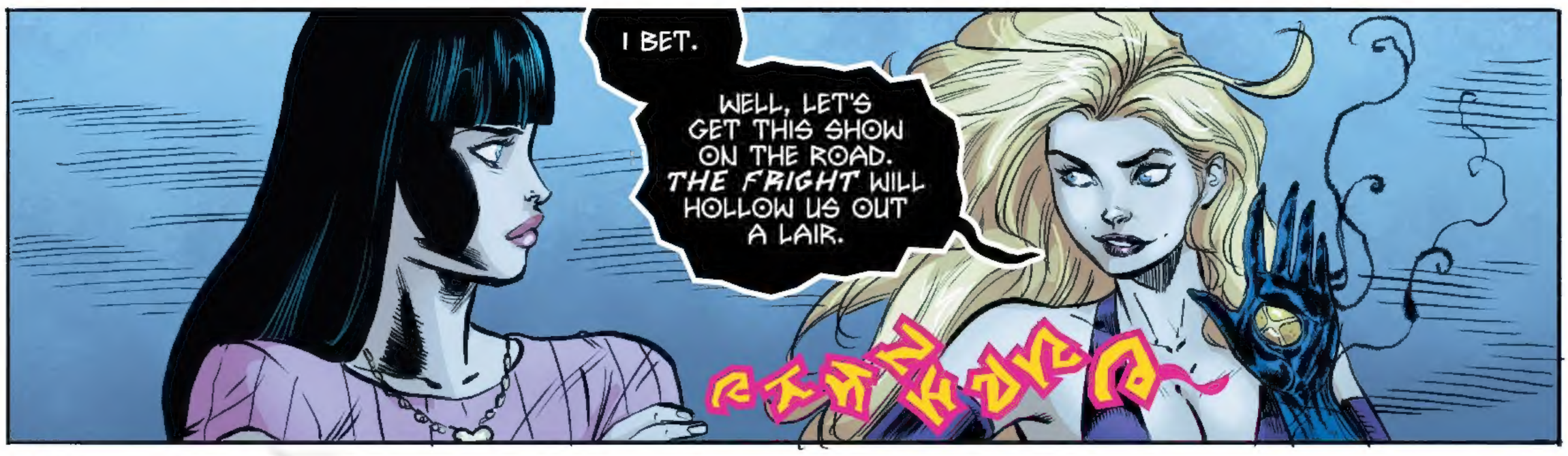
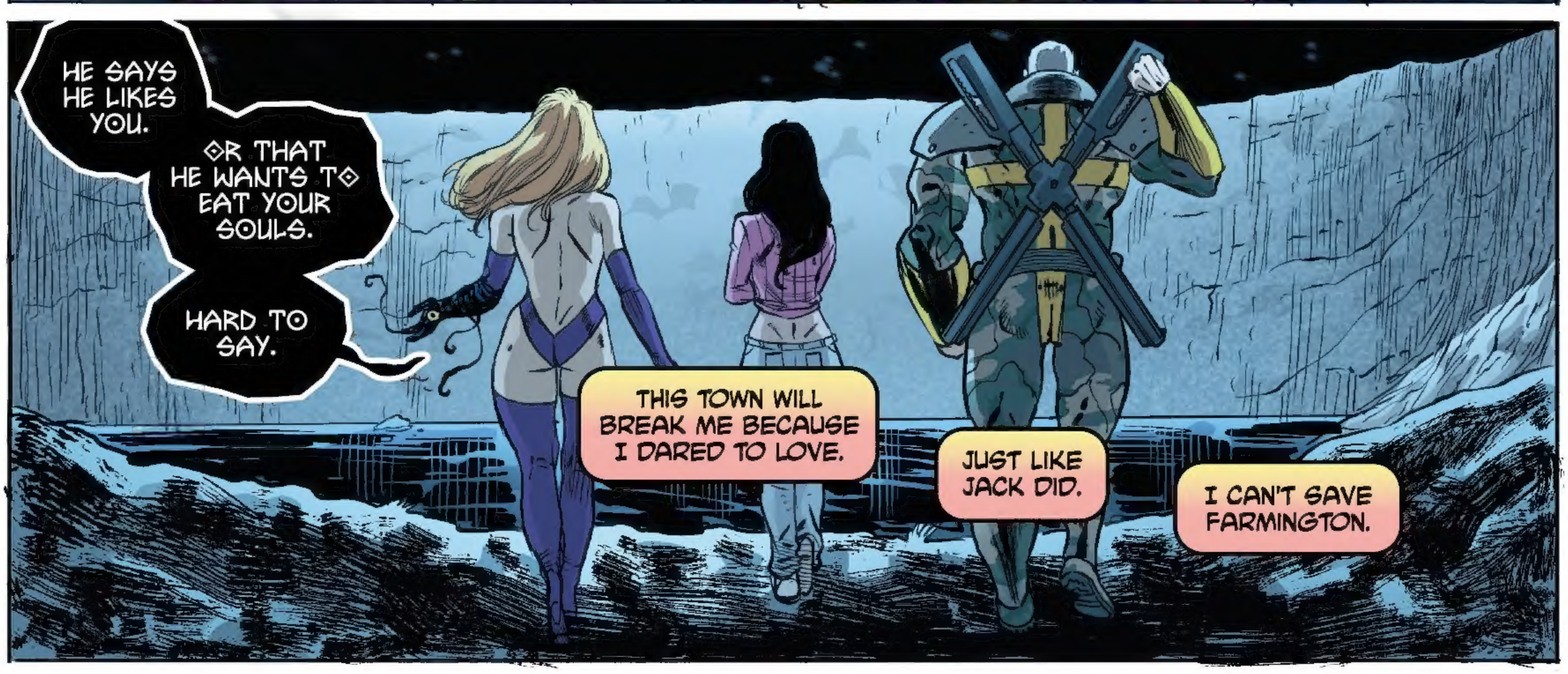

SO THIS IS OUR BOOTS ON THE GROUND?
A MOPEY TEENAGER?
SHE HAS DEEP TIES HERE.
AND IF IT COMES TO IT, SHE'LL KNOW HOW TO KEEP CROSSJACK OUT OF OUR BUSINESS.


I BET.
WELL, LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD. THE FRIGHT WILL HOLLOW US OUT A LAIR.


HE SAYS HE LIKES YOU.
OR THAT HE WANTS TO EAT YOUR SOULS.
HARD TO SAY.
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JUST LIKE JACK DID.
I CAN'T SAVE FARMINGTON.

BUT I CAN SAVE MYSELF.

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